

October 6, 2014

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Fliehs, McGannon, Muilenburg, Opp, Blackmun, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Gordon Nelson, Attorney Drew Johnson, Shawn Lambertz, Finance Officer Lowary and representatives from the press.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Opp and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Fliehs and seconded by Muilenburg. All members present voted aye.

Jim & Linda Stearns came before the Council to discuss their property at 105 W 3rd Ave. Improvements needed to make the structure habitable as a primary residence or rental were discussed. Stearns stated they are willing to sell if there is a buyer. Since their deadline had passed, the time for making the improvements or selling was discussed. Gordon Nelson spoke for the Planning and Zoning Commission that ordinances needed to be enforced. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Muilenburg to grant a 30 day extension, effective immediately, for completion of the repairs or removal of the structure to bring the property into compliance. All members present voted aye. Gordon Nelson and Jim & Linda Stearns left the meeting.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll	840.40	salaries
Administrative Payroll	5,986.74	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	14,030.75	salaries
Public Works Payroll	15,198.46	salaries
Culture & Recr Payroll	3,169.34	salaries
1st State Bank	7,057.19	wh & ss
Consolidated Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
City of Groton	210.33	deposit refunds, postage
Mike Fordham	100.00	deposit refund
Craig & Lana Jondahl	62.75	deposit refund
Anita Lowary	22.40	mileage
US Post Office	207.62	postage
Mark Selzler	100.00	deposit refund
SD Supp Retirement	1,995.00	emp retirement
NEFOG	20.00	registrations
April Abeln	298.00	dep flex
1st National Bank	7,670.84	Main St Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	960.99	07 Flooded Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	5,287.72	EPA Loan
1st National Bank	2,985.04	2nd St Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	7,670.84	Main St Water Loan
1st National Bank	4,344.69	RR Sewer Crossing Loan
1st National Bank	2,207.95	NE Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	6,975.69	West Ditch Sewer Loan
Neal Abeln	785.00	weed spraying
Jerry Bjerke	151.20	mileage
Border States	893.24	wire
Buhls	30.50	rug rent
Chase Visa	13.53	books, supplies, software
Clark Engineering	11,239.03	engineering
Justin Cleveland	50.00	app rebate
Cole Papers	98.79	towels
Glenn Cooper	200.00	heat rebate
Dakota Electronics	803.90	repairs
Duanes	1,441.65	gas

Full Circle Ag	362.06	weed spray
Galls	128.45	boots
HD Supply	3,827.85	fittings
Heartland Waste	6,170.22	garbage hauling
James Valley Tele	673.23	phone, internet
Johnson, Drew	925.00	legal services
Robert Johnson Const	318,165.91	street const
K & H Electric	3,238.50	boring
Kens	876.72	gas, supplies
Paul Kosel	326.40	mileage, meals
Nelson Sales & Service	22.39	starter
NW Energy	10.00	nat gas
Olde Bank Floral N More	30.00	plant
Olson Backhoe	5,455.06	digging
Chuck Raap	200.00	air rebate
Rossow, Taryn	225.00	lifeguard training
Runnings	168.93	chains, saw blades, jack
S&S Lumber	262.22	supplies
Sanitation Products	461.00	broom,shoes
SD Dept of Health	445.00	testing
SD Retirement	7,955.70	retirement
Share Corp	140.03	deodorizers
Specialty Mfg	18.10	sheet metal
United Lease & Finance	15,482.07	transformer loan
Verizon Wireless	41.61	data comm
WEB Water	13,585.93	water
Wesco	118.00	photocells

Finance Officer Lowary presented the 2014 Baseball and 2014 Swimming Pool financial reports. Blackmun reported on progress on repairs at the baseball complex and plans for a fund raiser and other improvements. McGannon reported on progress on placing the swimming pool slide.

A letter from Jerri Vedvei resigning from the swimming pool advisory board was read. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to accept her resignation and to disband the board for the present time since their goals have been met. All members present voted aye.

A letter from WEB Water was read stating that water costs would increase effective October 25, 2014. A study on Groton's water rates will be presented at the Nov 3 Council meeting.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to pass a resolution in support of the after-school program. All members present voted aye.

SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEADERS LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Communities of the State of South Dakota support quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they:

- 1) Provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical, and academic skills;
- 2) Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends;
- 3) Build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families, and adults;
- 4) Engage families, schools, and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and

WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs, held this year on October 23, 2014, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, More than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 15.1 million children have no place to go after school. Of South Dakota’s 131,284 school-age children, 75% of the 6 to 12 year-olds have all available parents in the workforce; 48,969 children are unsupervised after school; and

WHEREAS, Many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights; and

WHEREAS, The communities of South Dakota are committed to investing in health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That we, South Dakota Municipal Leaders do hereby proclaim October 23, 2014 as “Lights On Afterschool Day”;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That these municipal leaders enthusiastically endorse Lights On Afterschool and commit our communities to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

Reports were given on the trees being moved from the skating rink and from the cemetery. Groton will apply for a \$5,000 tree grant with a 50% match requirement.

Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Glover to place stop signs at all four corners of the intersection of W 3rd Ave and N Washington to help reduce congestion and accidents. All members present voted aye.

Blackmun reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission requested a review of the set back ordinances to further define the “outermost point of the structure” and to require sidewalks be replaced rather than removed when repairs are needed. These items will be discussed at the next meeting.

The audit report for 2012 and 2013 was discussed. No draft copy has been received at this time.

Council members and electric personnel will be encouraged to attend the Heartland Consumer Power District’s Budget Meeting in Groton on Oct 21, 2014.

Paul Kosel gave a report on the metering and load management school he attended.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer